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Man Sentenced to 15 years for Bank Robbery in Cedarburg

Steven M. Biskupic, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, announced that late yesterday, Alan L. Simmons, Jr., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was sentenced by the Honorable Judge Lynn Adelman to 15 years in prison for his involvement in the December 31, 2004, armed robbery of the Ozaukee Bank in Cedarburg, Wisconsin. Simmons was the third and final defendant to be sentenced for committing one of the largest bank robberies in the history of the State of Wisconsin. Simmons' co-actors, Antonio L. Mann and Mark D. Campbell, were previously sentenced to federal prison.

The bank robbery was aggravated because it involved the home invasion of a bank teller, forcing that teller to go to the bank at gunpoint, waiting for a second teller to arrive at the bank and then forcing both tellers to provide their vault access codes.

Following a trial in January, a jury found Simmons guilty of conspiracy to commit armed bank robbery, armed bank robbery and use of a dangerous weapon during a crime of violence. Simmons was considered the mastermind behind the bank robbery. Simmons recruited Campbell to serve as the gunman; introduced Mann and Campbell; made trips to Cedarburg, Wisconsin, to scope out the bank and plan the robbery; agreed to serve as a lookout; and encouraged Mann and Campbell to go through with the bank robbery after their initial attempt to rob the bank failed.

According to United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic, "people who commit violent crimes will be held accountable for their actions. When you use a firearm in the commission of a crime you're going to serve a substantial amount of time in prison and that's exactly what happened".

Detective Scott Yanke of the Cedarburg Police Department commented, "The investigation and prosecution of Simmons, Mann and Campbell was a team effort. It was very gratifying to see all three bank robbers receive significant prison sentences for a crime that deeply impacted the community of Cedarburg."

The successful prosecution of this case was the result of a joint investigation by the Cedarburg Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorneys Kelly B. Watzka and Elizabeth M. Blackwood successfully prosecuted all three defendants in this case.

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